



# *Milwaukee County*

## Supervisor Eyon Biddle, Sr., 10<sup>th</sup> District

For Immediate Release October 18, 2011  
Contact: Harold Mester, Public Information Manager  
414/278-4051 or harold.mester@milwcnty.com

### **SUPERVISOR BIDDLE TO INTRODUCE RESOLUTION ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

**Milwaukee, WI** – Milwaukee County Supervisor Eyon Biddle, Sr. will be introducing a resolution that will establish a Milwaukee County Task Force on Human Trafficking.

“Human Trafficking is a touchy subject. It seems that that no one wants to talk about. However, it’s an important issue that we must tackle here in Milwaukee County,” said Supervisor Biddle.

Supervisor Biddle got the idea to take action at the County level after learning more about the issue at a recent community brainstorming session.

If approved by the full Board, the Task Force will be appointed by the Board Chairman and include representation from the District Attorney’s Office, Chief Judge, Milwaukee Police Department, Sheriff’s Office, Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare, Milwaukee Public Schools, Office of Justice Assistance Human Trafficking Committee, ASHA Family Services, Benedict Center, Pathfinders, Meta House, and Milwaukee’s LGBT community.

“We need to make sure that victims of human trafficking have access to resources at the County level to help them overcome these tragedies,” Supervisor Biddle said.

The resolution calls for the Task Force to report back to the Judiciary, Safety and General Services Committee by September 30, 2012 with recommendations on the following items:

- Appropriate service models, including culturally competent services
- Policies and practices, including changes to state laws, that protect both children and adults from trafficking
- Policies and practices on judicial and law enforcement interventions
- Job training and recovery for victims
- Establishing transitional housing or safe houses for victims

###